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1. RATHENOW (N 53/Z 15) was heavily occupied on 8 August 1949 by artillery troops who were quartered in the barracks on the southern town border. Few air force soldiers were observed. Despite fair weather there was no flying over the town.
2. The village of BAHME (N 53/Z 15) was not occupied. No airfield was observed along the RATHENOW-BAHME road.
3. The factory grounds of a former aircraft plant of the ARADO firm were located north of MOEBELIN (N 53/Z 05). The factory buildings were occupied by Soviet soldiers wearing red-bordered, black epaulets. Motor vehicles were not observed. According to a charwoman working there, an artillery ammunition dump was housed in the factory buildings. Biplanes occasionally landed at the factory airfield adjacent to the factory grounds.

Comment:

a. Other recent reports on the RATHENOW airfield have not received.

b. The area adjoining the RATHENOW-BAHME road was examined since there was formerly a landing field which                      no longer exists.

c. It is assumed that no air unit is stationed at the RATHENOW airfield (former airfield of the ARADO Aircraft Plant). This assumption is supported by the above statements. Liaison or courier aircraft of army units which are stationed in RATHENOW apparently occasionally land at the airfield.

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